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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re : **Marion Wood et al.**

Group Art Unit: 1637

Application No. : 09/640,211

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Title : **COMPOSITIONS AND METHODS FOR THE MODIFICATION OF GENE TRANSCRIPTION**

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Dear Examiner:

In response to the Office Action mailed July 11, 2003, applicants submit the Declaration of Dr. Marion Wood, submitted herewith, and the following remarks.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 2 of this paper.